

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7742

Petition of Green Mountain Power Corporation requesting)
a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section)
248, for the purchase of electricity from NextEra Energy)
Seabrook, LLC from 2012 through 2034)

Order entered: 7/15/2011

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND SCHEDULING ORDER

On June 6, 2011, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") received a petition from Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") requesting authorization, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, for the purchase of electricity from NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC. Included with the petition were a Motion for Approval of Protective Agreement, in which GMP seeks a protective order governing allegedly confidential documents and information that may be requested in the discovery process, and a Motion for Confidential Treatment of Prefiled Evidence, in which GMP requests an order providing confidential treatment of certain prefiled testimony and exhibits.

The Board convened a prehearing conference on July 8, 2011. The following parties entered appearances: Louise Porter, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"); Benjamin Marks, Esq., Sheehey Furlong & Behm, PC, and Mari McClure, Esq., for GMP; and Judith Dillon, Esq., for the Agency of Natural Resources.

Also present at the prehearing conference was Adam Conway, Esq., for International Business Machines Corporation ("IBM"), which had previously filed a Motion to Intervene and a Motion for Admission of Counsel *Pro Hac Vice*. No party objected to IBM's two motions, which we granted.

At the prehearing conference, the parties indicated that they had no objections to a proposed schedule that the petitioner had previously circulated. The Board accepted the schedule, except that (1) the date for the public hearing will be determined by the Board Clerk's

office,¹ and (2) the dates for briefs and reply briefs may be revisited at the conclusion of the technical hearings. Also, the Board added a deadline (July 13) for responses to GMP's Motion for Approval of Protective Agreement and Motion for Confidential Treatment of Prefiled Evidence. Accordingly, the Board adopts the following modified schedule:

Prehearing Conference	July 8, 2011
Responses to GMP's Motion for Approval of Protective Agreement and Motion for Confidential Treatment of Prefiled Evidence ²	July 13, 2011
Deadline for Intervention Motions Responses due within three business days	July 20, 2011
Discovery on GMP Responses due within 14 days	July 29, 2011
Public Hearing via Vermont Interactive Television	August 10, 2011
Non-petitioners' Prefiled Direct Testimony and Exhibits	August 19, 2011
Discovery on Non-petitioners Responses due within 14 days	August 26, 2011
Technical Hearings	September 15 & 16, 2011
Briefs	October 14, 2011
Reply Briefs	October 28, 2011
Target Date for PSB Order	December 30, 2011

Finally, we require that parties provide an electronic copy of all testimony, motions and responses, and briefs (e-mail submission is acceptable), in addition to hard copies. If the electronic filings are submitted in .pdf format, they must be submitted in a form that permits the Board and other parties to search the document and extract text.

SO ORDERED.

1. Subsequent to the prehearing conference, the Clerk's Office established August 10, 2011, as the date for the public hearing.

2. If they wish, parties may file these responses electronically, followed by hard copies.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 15th day of July, 2011.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: July 15, 2011

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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